



March / April 2022

Adar I / Adar II / Nisan 5782

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**Rabbi Karen Allen**  
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## *Celebrate Purim and Passover with Congregation Beth Sholom*

On Friday, March 11th at 7 pm we will combine our Shabbat Service with a **Purim Celebration.**

We will sing Purim songs throughout the service and will read the Megillah towards the end of the service.

***Come in costume or wear a hat!***



Our 2nd night **Passover Seder**, led by Rabbi Allen, will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages. You will want to come early to explore the WWII museum / memorial artifacts housed in the building.



Laura's 4 C's is providing our Kosher Seder meal.

This very special event always brings our congregation family together in song and celebration.

Make your reservation now! (see p. 6)

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## March 2022 Adar I/ 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4  6:09	5
6	7 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	8 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	9	10	11 Purim & Shabbat Service 7 pm  6:13	12
13	14 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	15	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm See below	18  7:17	19
20	21 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	22	23	24	25  7:21	26 Shabbat Service 10:00 am
27	28 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	29	30	31		

### Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays March 17 and April 14 at 1pm

The main focus of the roundtable is to provide a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on various subjects throughout the session.

In addition to topics brought forward by the attendees, Rabbi Allen may explore the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

# April 2022 Adar II / Nisan 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  7:25	2
3	4	5 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:29	9
10	11	12	13	14 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 2	15  7:33	16 Passover Seder 5:30 pm See page 6
17	18	19	20	21	22  7:37	23 Shabbat & Yizkor Service 10 am
24	25	26	27	28	29  7:41	30

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and your good wishes will appear in the Shofar.



# Rabbi's Message

***The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unwanted. — Mother Teresa***

We are blessed during this Jewish calendar leap year to have two months of Adar, known as the most auspicious month in which to plan any enterprise of importance.

Purim is celebrated in the second Adar, an unusual inversion of the usual practice of racing to do a mitzvah, which would intuitively dictate placing Purim as soon as possible. But instead, we commemorate *Purim katan*, “little Purim,” in the first Adar and save the big event for the time closest to Passover, by rabbinic tradition “in order to have the redemption of Purim adjacent to the redemption of Pesach.” On both holidays, we celebrate major miracles!

Many of us, perhaps more deeply affected by isolation than we realize, may ourselves be in need of a personal miracle right now. According to Jewish Family Services, “Isolation is as bad for you as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. People experiencing loneliness are 50 percent more likely to die earlier than those with healthy social relationships.”

In 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May of Great Britain took the bold step of appointing a Minister of Loneliness, to address the social and health issues caused by social isolation. Imagine how much more that attention to the dangers of isolation is needed now, everywhere!

Melissa Healey, a health and science reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, reports that loneliness is not just a mental condition. Extended feelings of loneliness can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic inflammation and even dementia. It strikes people regardless of age, gender or situation in life.

I would like to explore with all of you the impact of loneliness upon our members, loved ones and friends during this time of unprecedented isolation for so many of us. Perhaps Congregation Beth Sholom would benefit from our own equivalent of a “Minister of Loneliness”!

If those who are reading this issue of the *Shofar* would reach out to me by telephone to begin the discussion, we can continue it, both privately, and together in more participatory settings such as the Rabbi's Roundtable. In this way, the miracles of redemption we celebrate this season can achieve their full impact in our lives today: a joyous Purim and a sweet, healthy Pesach. Wishing you these with love and blessings – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773.

# *The President's Message*

As our world continues to evolve into our new normal, I'm happy to report that Burt & I were able to enjoy a wonderful cruise to celebrate his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Although we had to wear our masks while inside (unless eating or drinking) we still had a great time. In the same abundance of caution, the Board of Directors requests that everyone entering our building wear a mask. Of course, things are constantly changing. The one given is that everything is evolving daily, and we will make adjustments accordingly.

We will continue to have hybrid services (in person and Zoom) available to those who don't feel comfortable being in person yet, prefer not to drive to the evening service, or aren't local. We keep looking for ways to make the experience better for our virtual community.

At our Annual Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the past year's accomplishments. We then elected our slate of officers who were running unopposed. As such, a secret ballot was not necessary, and they were elected by acclamation (as per our by-laws) for a new 2 year term. Congratulations and Thank You to Vice President Linda Kost, Treasurer Dave Englander and Directors Barry Wright and Ben Solotoroff for extending their membership on the Board.

Our Board members worked tirelessly to ready the shul to reopen to make it a cleaner healthier environment for all of us. Our treasurer, Dave Englander worked to coordinate all aspects of the project. Once again, I would like to thank the Board Members for their efforts. Our member, Robyn Dowsey was instrumental in helping us determine what needed to be done as well as assist us in finding contractors to perform the work. Thank you, Robyn!

We are thrilled to announce that we are resuming our tradition of hosting a Second Night Kosher Seder led by Rabbi Karen Allen on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages. I would like to thank Fred Jacobs for making those arrangements. It's a beautiful building with very interesting military displays. If you are attending the seder and haven't been to this Recreation Center before, you should plan on arriving early so that you can enjoy the exhibits. This year we also have a new Caterer that comes highly recommended.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Purim and Passover with our synagogue family and friends. Hope to see you soon, whether in person or on Zoom.

*Andrea*

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315 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Led by Rabbi Karen Allen

Catered by:  
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Second Night Passover Seder  
Saturday, April 16, 5:30 pm  
Guests Welcome  
Eisenhower Recreation Center  
3560 Buena Vista Blvd  
The Villages, FL 32163



### Kosher Buffet Seder Dinner - Cost \$45 per person

**Appetizers:** Chopped Liver Matzo Ball Soup Relish Tray  
**Entrees:** Roasted Herb Chicken, Brisket & Baked Salmon Buffet  
or Vegetarian Option – Stuffed Butternut Squash (must be requested in advance)  
**Sides:** Roasted Seasonal Root Vegetables, Honey Roasted Winter Squash & Potato Kugel  
**Dessert:** Variety of Passover Cakes & Cookies, No Sugar Added Macaroons  
**Beverages:** Passover Wine, Grape Juice, Decaf Coffee, Hot & Cold Tea, Water

Enter your reservation info here:	Vegetarian Option Y/N	Amount Due
Name:		
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Total Amount Due:		

MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

DEADLINE is Friday April 1st

List names of people you want to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Congregation Beth Sholom

Mail form and check to Burt Kraft 1298 N Hunt Club Drive Hernando, FL 34442

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Let everyone know who you are! Tags are just \$15 each. Mail your check to the synagogue, with a note indicating the name you want on your nametag.

Contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402 for more information.



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## Exploring Judaism Adult Education Class

Mon. March 7, 14, 21, and 28 4:00-5:00 pm on Zoom

We will be discussing the seven questions asked in Heaven  
(based on the book by the same name).

What will happen in the next life? Who knows?

However asking yourself these questions now can help you focus on this life  
and how to make it more meaningful and purposeful,

Come join us as we develop ways to live life using our Jewish spirituality as our guide.

You can attend all classes or individual ones as each session is a stand alone class.

This is a virtual class held on Zoom.

Please sign up as class outlines and information will be emailed to participants.

Let us study together to enrich our lives.

Sign up sheet in synagogue or contact Marsha Stemerman  
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## Birthdays

**March**

3/4 Mark Simon  
 3/4 Beverly Meyers  
 3/8 Alexis Scholl  
 3/8 Marsha Grabois  
 3/14 Judy Mayer  
 3/17 Judy Albin  
 3/19 Pamela Singer Milkman  
 3/28 Bob Roth  
 3/29 Diane Weinbaum

**April**

4/8 Michael Levine  
 4/8 Robyn Dowsey  
 4/10 David Litwack  
 4/10 Hank Hartstein  
 4/24 Bette Croll  
 4/27 Sonia Baerga Treibitz  
 4/30 Fred Jacobs



## Anniversaries

**March**

3/5 Ceb and Gloria Blankenship  
 3/20 Hank and Judy Hartstein  
 3/21 Michael and Diane Levine  
 3/22 Susan and George Brogan  
 3/27 Ben and Marion Solotoroff

**April**

4/19 Mark and Phyllis Simon

### ***R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)***

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:  
 Roz Wenrich, Helene Bachmann, Hank Hartstein, Betty King

### ***Mi Shebeirach***

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains a list of our members and their close friends who are in need of healing. The list is presented at services.

To add new names, please send them to Fred at [secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com). (replace –at– with @) Please remember to let him know when our prayers are no longer needed.

Sisterhood and Men's Club Combine to form Social Group  
 The organizational meeting of the new combined group was held on Sunday, February 27th.

You must be a member of the Congregation to join the group.  
 For more information, contact Ben Solotoroff at 352-775-8740.

### ***ADD YOUR LOVED ONE TO THE MEMORIAL BOARD***

Memorializing a loved one with a permanent plaque in the sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity to honor their memory.

The cost of a plaque is \$300, 2 or more are \$275 each

Contact Fred Jacobs for more information.

[Secretary.BethSholom-at-gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.BethSholom-at-gmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 352-633-0500.

# Thank You

To Burt and Andrea Kraft for managing the Mah Jongg card orders.

To everyone who ordered Mah Jongg cards for themselves and their friends.

To Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld and Dave & Ellen Englander for lighting our Shabbat candles.

To Anita Sherman for organizing the candle lighting for our Friday night services.

To Francine Rizzotto and Marnell LaRoe Hayes for serving wine and Challah after services.

To Marnell LaRoe Hayes for her home baked Challah.

To Sandra Byrne – for sending out all the emails to the Congregation.

To Linda Kost for hosting the Zoom portion of our hybrid services.

To Dave Englander and Ben Solotoroff for handling announcements in Andrea's absence.

# Donations

Marsha Grabois in honor of Rabbi Allen for offering a reading to her and her son during Thanksgiving services.

Food Bank Donations: Marjorie Heyman, Melinda Hock, David & Yvette Litwack

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Dr Michael Levine, Robyn Dowsey, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz

## PARKING ALONGSIDE THE BUILDING IS NOW HANDICAP ONLY



We are requesting that those who are able park in the parking lot across 13th Street so that the parking on the side of our building can be available for those members and guests who have mobility issues.



## IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



### The following names will be read on March 11

Fredy Fox	Father	of	Geri Seward			11-Mar
Melvin Mularsky	Uncle	of	Nathan Mularsky			17-Mar
and	son	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			
Ludwig Strauss	Father	of	Sally Chletsos	16	Adar 2	19-Mar
Morris Treibitz	Father	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			21-Mar
Betty Mularsky	Wife	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			24-Mar

### The following names will be read on March 26

Rhoda Treibitz	Sister	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			28-Mar
Donald Bloom	Husband	of	Lynne Bloom			31-Mar
Solomon Siegel	Grandfather	of	Herb Siegel			1-Apr
Gary Englander	Son	of	David and Ellen Englander	1	Nisan	2-Apr
Seymour Beckman	Husband	of	Marion Beckman			3-Apr
Pauline Fox	Mother	of	Geri Seward			4-Apr
Judith Moskowitz	Cousin	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Nisan	5-Apr
Coleman Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			7-Apr

### The following names will be read on April 8

Maurice M. Berger M.D.	Husband	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	9	Nisan	10-Apr
Nettie Altshul	Mother-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			11-Apr
April Jacobs	Daughter	of	Fred and Helen Jacobs	13	Nisan	14-Apr
Kathleen Rosenzweig	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	13	Nisan	14-Apr
Sylvia Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	14	Nisan	15-Apr
Nathan Subit	Father	of	Bette Croll	19	Nisan	20-Apr
Helen Weinberger	Mother	of	Judy Marshall			20-Apr

### The following names will be read on April 23

Adela Ide Weinstein	Mother	of	Yvette Litwack	22	Nisan	23-Apr
Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Apr
Ike Leon Glickson	Grandfather	of	David Chasin			26-Apr
Ruth Marx	Mother	of	Ellen Englander	26	Nisan	27-Apr
Harry Jacobs	Father	of	Fred Jacobs	30	Nisan	1-May
Justin Simon	Father	of	Mark Simon			1-May
Steven Cohan	Son	of	Phyllis Stern			1-May
Josephine Hock	Mother	of	Melinda Hock			1-May
Michele Hartstein	Brother	of	Hank Hartstein	2	Iyar	3-May
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			4-May
Herman Warshaw	Step Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	5	Iyar	6-May
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	Iyar	8-May
Sylvan Philip Herbst	Father	of	Bill Hillman	11	Iyar	12-May
Irma R. Katz	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			12-May
Leslie Schwartz	Cousin	of	Judy Marshall			12-May

## EXPLANATION OF DATES ON YAHRZEIT LIST

We give our members the option to observe yahrzeit on the secular date (the actual date of passing) or the Hebrew date. If there is no Hebrew date next to a name, it is because their family prefers to observe yahrzeit on the secular calendar date.

To add a loved one to the yahrzeit list, contact Linda Kost and provide the names and relationship of the congregant and relative, and the actual date of passing including the year. Please indicate whether you wish to observe yahrzeit on the secular or Jewish date.

Contact Linda at [intofrogs-at-gmail.com](mailto:intofrogs-at-gmail.com) (replace -at- with @) or 352-315-0309

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